

### **REMARKS**

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the phone conversation of July 2, 2004. This is in response to an Ex Parte Quayle Office Action issued in connection with the subject application. The Action issued prior to filing of the herein submitted Preliminary Amendment. The undersigned apologizes for the untimely filing and hereby requests the Examiner to open prosecution of the subject application and enter the Amendment into the application. This Preliminary Amendment amends the disclosure to include a reference to the parent application Serial No. 09/960,278; cancels the original claims of the allowed parent and submits new Claims 13-37 for examination in this continuation application.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56., 1.97 and 1.98, copies of two PTO Forms 892 of record in the parent application are enclosed. No copies of the listed prior art are being provided.

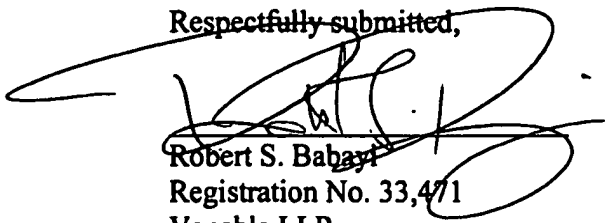
The fee of \$43 is being submitted herewith for one independent claim in excess of three, as specified by 37 CFR 1.16(b). If any additional fees are required in connection with this amendment, please charge account No. 22-0261.

In response to formal objections, attached herewith is a copy of the original declaration and a revised abstract that complies with the requirements. The Specification is amended to identify all priority applications.

An action on the merits of Claims 13-37 is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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